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Application of

Applicants : Sanh Dang Tang
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

This paper is being filed in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed July 23, 2004.

Applicants respectfully submit that at least some of the Examiner's statements in the "Reasons for Allowance" do not accurately reflect the scope of the claims. Specifically, applicants disagree with the Examiner's statement regarding the Wu reference at page 2, which is not reflected in applicant's claims. Applicants submit that the prosecution as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance.

As such, applicants submit that the "Reasons for Allowance" should not be used to interpret the scope of the claims of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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